

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Re: Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Appellants: Simionescu, et al.) Examiner: Preeti Kumar
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Appl. No: 10/722,142) T.C./A.U: 1796
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Filed: November 24, 2003) Deposit Acct. No: 04-1403
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Title: Fixation Method For) Confirmation No: 4675
 Bioprostheses)
) Customer No: 22827

1. **NOTICE OF APPEAL:** Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.31, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated _____ of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting claims _____.
2. **BRIEF** on appeal in this application pursuant to 37 CFR 41.37 is transmitted herewith (1 copy).
3. An **ORAL HEARING** is respectfully requested under 37 CFR 41.47 (due within two months after Examiner's Answer).
4. Reply Brief under 37 CFR 41.41(b) is transmitted herewith (1 copy).
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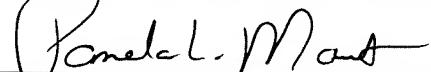
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